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Have named as their plenipotentiaries:

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, Karel Willem Paul Frans Baron Gericke Van Herwijnen, Her Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at London, Chamberlain Extraordinary; and

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, the Right Honourable Sir Edward Grey, a Baronet of the United Kingdom, a Member of Parliament, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs;

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1.

The high contracting parties hereby renew for a further period of 5 years, dating from the 12th of July next, the convention signed at London on the 15th February, 1905, for the settlement by arbitration of certain classes of questions which may arise between the two governments.

ARTICLE 2.

The present convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate at London, the 16th day of December, 1909.

(L. S.) GERICKE.

(L. S.) E. GREY.

CONVENTION BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND THE NETHERLANDS, PROVIDING FOR THE SETTLEMENT BY ARBITRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

Signed at London, February 15, 1905; ratifications exchanged at London, July 12, 1905.

His Majesty the King of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, and Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, signatories of the convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes, concluded at The Hague on the 29th July, 1899;

Taking into consideration that by Article XIX of that convention the high contracting parties have reserved to themselves the right of concluding agreements, with a view to referring to arbitration all questions which they shall consider possible to submit to such treatment,

Have named as their plenipotentiaries to conclude the following arrangement:

His Majesty the King of the United Kindom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Emperor of India, the Most Honourable Henry Charles Keith Petty-Fitzmaurice, Marquess of Lansdowne, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; and

Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands, Karel Willem Paul Frans Baron Gericke van Herwijnen, Her envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary at London, Chamberlain extraordinary:

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ART. I. Differences which may arise of a legal nature, or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the high contracting parties, and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, shall be referred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration established at The Hague by the convention of the 29th July, 1899: provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interests, the independence, or the honour of the two contracting states, and do not concern the interests of third parties.

II. In each individual case the high contracting parties, before appealing to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, shall conclude a special agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the arbitrators, and the periods to be fixed for the formation of the arbitral tribunal and the several stages of the procedure.

III. The present convention, which shall be ratified, is concluded for a period of five years, dating from the exchange of the ratifications, which shall take place at London as soon as possible.

Done in duplicate at London, the 15th day of February, 1905.

(L. S.) LANSDOWNE.

(L. S.) GERICKE.